

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1-9. (canceled)
10. (original) A method of configuring a networking device, comprising:
generating a first forwarding table;
generating a second forwarding table;
programming a filter to perform a lookup operation in the first forwarding table if a first field value of a received packet meets one or more conditions of a first set of conditions;
programming the filter to initiate a lookup operation in the second forwarding table if the first field value does not meet one or more conditions of the first set of conditions.
11. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the step of generating a first forwarding table comprises the substep of generating a first forwarding table containing an entry corresponding to a first label switched path.
12. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of generating a second forwarding table comprises the substep of generating a second forwarding table

containing an entry corresponding to a second label switched path.

13 - 16. (canceled)

17. (original) A networking device comprising:

a memory for storing a first forwarding table and a second forwarding table;

a filter programmed to initiate a lookup operation in the first forwarding table if a first field value of a header contained in a received packet meets a first set of conditions and to initiate a lookup operation in the second forwarding table if the first field value does not meet one or more conditions of the first set of conditions.

18. (original) The networking device of claim 17, wherein the first forwarding table contains an entry corresponding to a first label switched path.

19. (original) The networking device of claim 18, wherein the second forwarding table contains an entry corresponding to a second label switched path.

20. (original) The networking device of claim 17, further comprising:

a plurality of ingress interfaces for receiving packets;

a plurality of egress interfaces for transmitting packets,

wherein each of the lookup operations results in an identification of an

egress interface from which the received packet is to be transmitted.